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SUNNYVALE SELECTS NEW ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

SUNNYVALE, Calif. – City Manager Kent Steffens announced today that Ramana Chinnakotla will be the City's new Director of Environmental Services. Chinnakotla is currently the Director of Public Works Services for the City of Redwood City. He is scheduled to begin employment with Sunnyvale on May 31, 2018 with a starting annual salary of \$239,000.

"Ramana's well-rounded background and exceptional team building skills made him a great fit for us," says Steffens. "He also has a strong track record for delivering excellent customer service which is so important given the incredible range of essential services we provide in this department."

Chinnakotla has more than 25 years of experience in public works, water and wastewater utilities, and environmental initiatives. Prior to Redwood City, where he has worked since January 2015, he served as the Director of Infrastructure and Utilities in Sri City, India and as the Assistant Director of Public Works in Grapevine, Texas. "Sunnyvale is embarking on several important projects and initiatives in the areas of water, wastewater and climate action and I am thrilled to be joining the City team at such an exciting time," says Chinnakotla. "I look forward to getting to know and serving the community."

Chinnakotla holds an MBA in Finance and General Management from Southern Methodist
University and a master's in civil engineering from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
He is a member of the International City Managers Association and the American Water Works
Association. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the American Public Works Association
Silicon Valley Chapter.